

also seeks to assist, develop and conduct programs of consumer education and information through publications and other informational and educational materials prepared for dissemination to the consuming public. The Division also undertakes activities to encourage business and industry to maintain high standards of honesty, fair business practices and public responsibility "in the production, promotion, and sale of consumer goods and services" (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 83, secs. 19-27).

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds	\$752,820	\$867,999
Staff: 55.		

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The Governor appointed this twenty-nine man Commission in 1959 to study the Municipal Court System of Baltimore City. The Commission, as a result of its deliberations, prepared the necessary legislation which, after many years of opposition, was finally passed as an administrative measure. In 1968, the Municipal Court, comprising sixteen full-time judges, all members of the Bar and practicing attorneys before their elevation to the Bench, occupied the new building at Guilford Avenue and Madison Street. This new courthouse and its operations are considered to be one of the most modern and efficient structures in the country.

Control of State Employment

STATE COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL

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The State Commissioner of Personnel is the head of the State Merit System, which was established in 1920. The title of State Commissioner of Personnel was established by Chapter 310, Acts of 1953. The position had been previously known as the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration (Chapter 41, Acts of 1920). The Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor for a six-year term, administers the Merit System Law, and with the approval of the Governor, makes such rules as he deems necessary to carry out the law. Such rules have the force and effect of law.

The purpose of the Merit System Law is to provide candidates for appointment to positions in the classified service after determining by practical tests the fitness of such candidates for the positions which they seek, without regard to their political or religious opinions or affiliations. It is also to provide adequate means for the prompt re-